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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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Sir:
This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
HEAT TREATABLE COATED ARTICLE WITH DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON (DLC) AND/OR ZIRCONIUM IN COATING
without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.
This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:
☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons:

- 27 pages of specification and claims (including 55 numbered claims), and
4 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:
- | Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☐ The prior application is assigned to _____
☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449; ☐ Other:

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